



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2000

S. 1840

California Indian Land Transfer Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 27, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting S. 1840 would affect direct spending by resulting in a small loss in offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the bill.

S. 1840 would transfer a total of 3,526 acres of federal land in California into trust for various Indian tribes. The bill would terminate grazing privileges on that land two years after its enactment. At that time, tribes would be able to renegotiate the grazing permits. The bill stipulates that all receipts collected from use of the land after enactment be made available to the tribes. Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that the loss to the federal government of existing grazing receipts would be less than \$100 annually. There are no other income-generating activities associated with the land, and the agency does not plan to sell the land. Any discretionary costs associated with the transfer of the land would be minimal.

S. 1840 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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